

SO IMPROVED,  
HE PLANS TRIPCol. Roosevelt Today Thought  
of Returning to Campaign

## NEARLY NORMAL CONDITION

His Temperature, Pulse and Respiration  
Were Quite Satisfactory Considering  
That He Carried Bullet of the  
Would-Be Assassin.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, whose life was attempted at Milwaukee Monday, already is feeling much better and he has shown such an improvement that on awakening to-day he began planning for a continuation of his campaign trip. Most of last night he spent in restful sleep.

At six o'clock this morning his temperature, pulse and respiration indicated practically normal condition. He ordered his usual breakfast, which consisted of three soft-boiled eggs, bacon, buttered toast and a pot of tea.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who occupies an adjoining room, visited her husband once during the night when she was awakened by the nurse who was taking a clinical record. Mrs. Roosevelt remained only a short time as the colonel assured her that he was feeling just fine.

## Description of the Wound.

A description of the wound given by Dr. W. R. McCauley is the first to be given to the public by the surgeons. He said that the bullet's path through the muscles of the chest is lacerated to some extent by the battered lead, but that there was little confusion and no extensive area of bruised and extravasated surrounding tissue.

"The bullet did not 'mushroom' as might have been expected," said Dr. McCauley. "For that reason it cut a comparatively small hole in the skin and did not reduce a large portion of the nearby tissues to pulp, as is the case in a soft bullet that 'mushrooms' in animal tissue after it hits a bone. I think the bullet of papers in Colonel Roosevelt's pocket checked it and the spectacle case for some reason failed to spread the bullet much."

## Wound a Clean One.

"The wound is about big enough to put your finger in at the surface, and it does not appear to get very much bigger. I would call it a very clean wound. The skin is torn at the surface in a ragged way, but not badly, and there is little bruising."

"There is not a sign of suppuration in the wound. The flesh is in good condition and seems to be healing without complication. If there was pus forming deep in the wound, we would know it at once by an unusual rise of temperature."

Dr. McCauley added that it is now certain from the X-ray pictures that the bullet has not entered or injured the pleural cavity, removing a grave possibility in the case.

## Not to Remove Bullet at Present.

The six doctors, who made the most extended survey of Colonel Roosevelt's condition attempted since his arrival at the Mercy hospital, found his condition this morning as near normal as a wound of man's could be, and renewed their assurance that there was no longer cause for worry. They also announced positively that the colonel could not leave the hospital until the next week at least. The doctors said the case was progressing so favorably that unless complications occurred, the bullet will not be removed at present.

## BULLET NOT POISONED.

It Has Been Determined by Inoculation  
of Guinea Pigs.

Milwaukee, Oct. 17.—All fear that the bullet with which Colonel Roosevelt was shot might have been poisoned was dispelled yesterday when Prof. R. E. W. Sommer, analytical chemist, notified District Attorney Zabel that no traces of poison were found by him in the empty shell and upon other bullets in the pistol with which John Schrank shot Colonel Roosevelt Monday night. A solution was made by Professor Sommer from scrapings from the bullets and the empty shell, and was inoculated into guinea pigs, but no traces of poison were found.

To satisfy himself of the mental condition of the would-be assassin and as the step in the preparation of his case, District Attorney Zabel has engaged the services of three alienists to examine Schrank. It is understood that each alienist will make his individual examination of Schrank and then compare notes.

Schrank spent most of yesterday writing but so far nothing he has written has been made public. Sheriff Arnold says Schrank has not attempted to pass anything that has been written out of his cell. Until he does this the sheriff will not avail himself of the privilege of scrutinizing any written communications.

The letters found on Schrank after he had shot Colonel Roosevelt indicate, alienists say, paranoia.

## Schrank Slept Well Last Night.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 17.—"Why shouldn't I sleep well? There is nothing bothering my conscience," said John Schrank, the assailant of Colonel Roosevelt, when the county jail attendant asked him how he rested. Schrank apparently slept eight hours without a break.

## HIMSELF NOT NECESSARY.

Declared Roosevelt, to Carry Along the  
Cause.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 17.—Albert J. Beveridge, former senator from Indiana, brought to Kentucky last night Colonel Roosevelt's message to the nation dictated from the colonel's sick bed in Merry hospital in Chicago.

"It matters little about me," Colonel Roosevelt told Mr. Beveridge, "but it

matters all about the cause we fight for. If one soldier who happens to carry the flag is stricken, another will take it from his hand and carry it on."

Colonel Roosevelt was scheduled to speak in Louisville last night. After having been shot down in Milwaukee he cancelled all his engagements but insisted that the address he was to have made in Louisville be delivered. He called on Senator Beveridge to speak in his stead. A large audience assembled at Ploest's Hill auditorium to listen to Mr. Beveridge.

"And now as then it is not important whether one leader lives or dies," continues the message, "it is important only that the cause shall live and win. Tell the people not to worry about me for if I go down another will take my place."

HOSTILITIES BEGAN  
BY TURKISH ARMYSimultaneous Forward Movement on the  
Bulgarian and Serbian Frontiers  
This Morning.

Constantinople, Oct. 17.—Hostilities were opened early this morning by Turkish troops at various points on the Bulgarian and Serbian frontiers, when divisions of the Turkish army were ordered to make a simultaneous forward movement.

Athens, Greece, Oct. 17.—Fighting between the Greek army and the Turkish forces stationed along the frontier began to-day.

## BIBLE SOCIETY OFFICERS.

Rev. A. L. Cooper of Randolph Was  
Elected President.

At the closing session of the Vermont Bible society at the Montpelier house in Montpelier yesterday, the following officers were elected:

President, Rev. A. L. Cooper, D. D., of Randolph; first vice-president, the Rev. W. A. Davidson, D. D., Burlington; second vice-president, H. A. Slayton, Morrisville; recording secretary, the Rev. W. S. Smithers, Randolph; treasurer, Dr. O. G. Stickney of Barre; auditor, H. G. Woodruff, Barre; directors, the president, vice-presidents, recording secretary and Dr. O. G. Stickney of Barre, the Rev. J. B. Sargent of Northfield, the Rev. F. Lowe of St. Johnsbury, C. C. Holmes of Montpelier, Dr. J. W. Burgin of Newport Center, W. W. Nichols of Rutland, B. R. Demerit of Waterbury, George Cochran, Smith of Henry of Burlington, the Rev. S. B. Brownell, H. G. Woodruff of Barre, the Rev. Duncan Salmon of Barre, the Rev. L. O. Sherburne of Burlington.

The policy of the society in the future was fully discussed and the following resolution adopted:

"That it is the sense of this society that for economic reasons and in order that every dollar may be used to the best advantage for the glory of God and the good of our fellow men, that while we retain our legal organization and annual meeting, we arrange to do our corporate and Bible work in co-operation with some other organization or organizations, preferably the American Bible society or Vermont Sunday School association, and to this end a committee of three be hereby elected with power to make arrangements and report back to the board of directors for their approval at a special meeting to be called by this committee."

The Rev. W. S. Smithers, Dr. W. A. Davidson and Deacon H. A. Slayton were elected as this committee.

Following adjournment of the society the board of directors met for a business session. The Rev. L. O. Sherburne, who has been the efficient and successful agent of the society, positively refused to be re-elected. But after much urging he consented to act as agent until April 1, thus giving the committee a chance without interruption of the work to bring about the change ordered by the society.

MEXICAN FEDERALS  
ORDERED TO CONVERGEIn an Effort to Crush the Rebellion of  
General Felix Diaz, Nephew of the  
Former President of Mexico.

Mexico City, Oct. 17.—In order to crush the rebellion of General Felix Diaz, nephew of the former President Diaz, at Vera Cruz, the Mexican federal troops have been commanded to converge on the city. It is considered probable that a part of the army sent against Diaz may join his forces.

## WAR DAYS RECALLED.

At 40th Meeting of the Vermont Cavalry  
Society at Burlington.

Burlington, Oct. 17.—The 40th annual meeting of the Vermont Cavalry Reunion society, which consists of members of the old 1st Vermont cavalry, was held in this city yesterday. More than 50 of the veterans were present.

The reunion began with a business meeting and concluded with a banquet and campfire, after the old soldiers had witnessed a dress parade at Fort Ethan Allen. It was voted to hold the next reunion on the field of Gettysburg.

Col. Myron M. Parker of Washington was elected president of the society, and H. O. Wheeler of this city and Seymour H. Wood of St. Albans were re-elected treasurer and secretary, respectively.

The vice-presidents are: Henry C. Smith of Co. A, Merritt Wilson of Co. B, E. W. Dix of Co. C, John C. E. H. Co. D, S. W. Brush of Co. E, H. C. Streeter of Co. F, James Barrett of Co. G, Sewell Whitcomb of Co. H, Marcus Warner of Co. I, Charles Jewett of Co. K, A. C. Stoughton of Co. L, Peter Lander of Co. M, and Adj. C. D. Gates of the field and staff.

James C. Monahan, a former resident of Rutland, died at the Franklin county hospital at Greenfield, Mass., Saturday, afternoon of injuries received when he was run over by a train at Athol, Mass., that morning. He was 39 years old and had lived all but six years of his life at Rutland.

The Rev. W. T. McGinn of Bath, Me., has accepted a call to the Baptist church at West Rutland and began his new duties Sunday.

SAVED LITTLE  
FROM FLAMESFrank Danforth's Buildings at  
Corinth Corner Burned

## WITH MOST OF CONTENTS

Included in the Loss Was a Quantity of  
Hay and Grain and 75 Bushels of  
Potatoes—There Was a Small  
Insurance on Property.

West Corinth, October 17.—The buildings of Frank Danforth, including his house, barn and shed, were destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon between three and four o'clock, and included in the loss was a large quantity of hay and grain and 75 bushels of potatoes. A small amount of furniture, farming tools and clothing was saved. The loss has not been estimated, but it is partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Danforth's daughter was alone in the house at the time. She thought she detected smoke and going into the chambers of the house she discovered flames breaking out around the chimney. Nothing could be done to avert the loss.

LEGISLATURE ELECTS  
SEVERAL OFFICIALSAt Joint Session Judges of Supreme and  
Superior Courts Were Chosen to  
Succeed Themselves.

State House, Oct. 17.—At a joint session of the House and Senate this afternoon, the following elections were made:

Judges of the supreme court—(Chief judge) John W. Rowe of Randolph, Loveland M. Munson of Manchester, John H. Watson of Montpelier, Seneca Hascall of Burlington, George M. Powers of Morris-town.

Superior court judges—(Chief) W. W. Miles of Barton, Eleazer L. Waterman of Brattleboro, William H. Taylor of Hardwick, Z. S. Stanton of Roxbury, Fred M. Butler of Rutland, Frank L. Fish of Vergennes.

Sergeant-at-arms—Frank T. Parsons of Montpelier.

Adjutant-general—Lee S. Tillotson of St. Albans.

Judge advocate general—Aaron H. Grout of Newport.

Commissioner of weights and measures—Hugh H. Henry of Chester.

## PHARMACISTS' LICENSES.

Were Issued by State Board as Result of  
Recent Examination.

Secretary Dan F. Davis of the Vermont state board of pharmacy has announced the outcome of the competitive examinations conducted before the board in session at Montpelier October 8. The class of candidates was the smallest to appear in several years. Certificates classifying them as skilled pharmacists were issued to Glenn D. Griffin of Springfield and John P. Mariani of Meriden, Conn. Two men already holding certificates appeared for second examinations for the purpose of increasing their ratings so as to be eligible for reciprocal certificates. George C. Otis of Burlington and P. D. Kinney of Poultney were successful in qualifying for these reciprocal certificates. C. H. Jewell of Barton and E. F. Libby of Rutland, both holding assistant certificates, failed to qualify as skilled pharmacists.

## DEATH OF ENRICO RULFO.

Native of Italy and Resident of Barre  
for Fifteen Years.

The death of Enrico Rulfo occurred at his home, 499 North Main street, this morning at 6:30 o'clock, after an illness of two weeks. Mr. Rulfo had been in poor health for several months, but two weeks ago his condition became grave and he was compelled to undergo an operation at the Heaton hospital in Montpelier. The operation was pronounced successful and for several days thereafter the patient's condition steadily improved. Saturday, his illness took a turn for the worse and he sank steadily to the time of his death.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Eva and Emilia Rulfo, and one son, Egeido Rulfo, all of whom live in Barre. Mr. Rulfo was born in Turin, Italy, fifty-one years ago and had been a resident of Barre for the past fifteen years. He came to this city immediately after leaving his native land. Before failing health obliged him to retire, he conducted an express team in Barre. His first marriage occurred in Italy twenty-three years ago. His wife died in 1898 and his second marriage took place in Barre in 1901.

Arrangements have not been completed, but the funeral will probably be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## FUNERAL OF B. A. BYLOW.

Was Held from His Late Home Yesterday  
Afternoon.

The funeral of Benjamin A. Bylow, whose death occurred at his home, 91 Summer street, Monday morning, after a few days' illness of bronchial pneumonia, was held at the home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Barnett, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. The bearers were as follows: George French, S. E. Perry, William Jackson and Vernon Bylow. Numerous floral tributes testified to the esteem in which Mr. Bylow was held. The remains were interred at Hope cemetery. Among the persons from out of the city present at the funeral was Mrs. Annie A. Pike of New York, a sister of the deceased.

PARKER—MARTIN.  
Montpelier People, Well Known in Barre,  
Married Last Evening.

The marriage of Miss Mabel Alma Martin, daughter of Mrs. Charles E. Perrin of Montpelier, and Charles Parker, son of Col. and Mrs. Harry E. Parker of Bradford, took place in Bethany church, Montpelier, last evening before a large number of invited guests.

The church was beautifully decorated with ropes of evergreen, small spruce trees and hydrangeas, which almost completely hid the altar, while bouquets of the evergreen were also placed at each window and the entrance to the church had banks of the young trees between which the wedding party passed.

The seats reserved for the immediate guests were designated by loops of white ribbon, with chrysanthemums.

At 8:30 the bride party entered, the bride being attended by her maid of honor, Miss Hallie Lane, and her bridesmaids, Misses Katherine P. Berry, Helen Huntington, Mildred Brooks and Mildred K. Puffer; while the groom was attended by his best man, his brother, Lee Parker of Bradford, and the ushers were George K. Putnam, William S. Huntington of Concord, N. H., a brother-in-law of the groom; Dewey T. Branley, E. Lee Whitney, Richard J. Fitzgerald and Waldo Bill.

The bride's brother, Arthur S. Martin of Barre, gave her away, and the double ceremony was performed by Rev. S. E. Blomfield, pastor of Bethany church.

The gown of the bride was of white broadcloth, with court train and trimmings of pearl. She wore a veil and carried lilies of the valley. Her maid of honor, Miss Lane, wore American Beauty chignon over white silk, beaded with silver, and carried roses. The bridesmaids were gowned in mesquite and white lace and carried pink and white chrysanthemums.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. E. Perrin, on Loomis street. Here a line of electric lights marked the entrance to the house and within the decorations were of chrysanthemums and smilax in the dining room and on the upper floor consisted of palms. The Montpelier Military band orchestra of five pieces furnished music.

In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Martin, Col. and Mrs. Harry E. Parker of Bradford, Lee Parker and Miss Lane.

Master Parker Huntington of Concord, N. H., and Master Newton Martin of Barre were stationed at the door; Miss Ruth Bennett had charge of the boxes of cake; Misses Clemmie and Kathleen Kellogg presided at the punch bowl; Misses Virginia Towle, Florence Fiske, Margaret Blanchard and Nancy Puffer assisted in the dining room. The wedding gifts were many and very beautiful.

After a two weeks' wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Parker will make their home in Montpelier, living in the Riverside annex.

Mrs. Parker attended Lowell seminary and for the past few years has been connected with the auditor's office in the State House. Mr. Parker is treasurer and manager of the Capital City Press and manager of the Montpelier Journal.

## TWO WEDDINGS AT NORTHFIELD.

Bertha Rice to Samuel G. Cannon and  
Grace Houston to Floyd Deering.

Northfield, Oct. 17.—Miss Bertha Rice, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rice, of this place and Samuel G. Cannon of Middletown, Conn., were united in marriage at 8:30 o'clock last evening at the home of the bride's grandparents, Rev. H. C. Ledyard of the Universalist church officiating. The bride was gowned in cream colored satin. Her bridesmaid was Miss Ida Thompson, while the groomsmen were George Schwenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Cannon will reside in Middletown. The groom was graduated from Norwich university in the class of 1911, and the bride was graduated from Norwich high. The bride has gained considerable local reputation as a singer, being soloist in the Universalist church for several years.

Another marriage took place this morning at 11 o'clock when Miss Grace Houston became the bride of Floyd Deering of Bethel, the marriage taking place at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. H. C. Ledyard. The bride was recently graduated from Northfield high school, and like the bride in the other wedding is well and favorably known in Northfield. Mr. and Mrs. Deering have gone on a wedding trip to Boston, after which they will reside in Northfield, the groom being employed at W. H. Moriarty's grocery store.

## TOWSLEY—HUTCHINS.

Goddard Graduate Married to Massachusetts Young Woman.

Prentice Williams Towsley, Goddard '06, Tufts '10, son of Rev. Irving Towsley of Washington, was married last evening to Miss Bertha Hutchins at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hutchins, 16 Mount Vernon street, West Somerville, Mass.

Mr. Towsley is a civil engineer in the employ of Stone & Webster, 147 Milk street, Boston. They have gone to housekeeping in West Somerville.

## BARTLETT—NIXON.

Marriage Last Evening at Home of the  
Bride on East Montpelier Road.

Miss Lona Nixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nixon of the East Montpelier road, and Arthur H. Bartlett, station agent at Marshfield, were married at the home of the bride at 6 o'clock last evening by Rev. J. W. Barnett, pastor of the Congregational church of this city.

## ONE TRAINMAN KILLED.

Caboose of Freight Train Derailed and  
Burned Near Drury, N. H.

Drury, N. H., Oct. 17.—One railroad employe was killed and two others seriously injured last yesterday, when the caboose of a freight train on the Worcester & Peterborough division of the Boston & Maine jumped the rails near here and was wrecked at Drury.

SETTLE DOWN  
TO BUSINESSVermont House and Senate Re-  
ceive Large Number of Bills

## SOME OF THEM IMPORTANT

Greater Part of Forenoon Session To-day  
Was Occupied With Introduction of  
New Measures—Junket to Indus-  
trial School Authorized by House.

The House and Senate are getting into working order and settling down to business. Several of the heavy measures have already been introduced on taxation, trust, probate, law and other probate matters. This morning the House occupied about an hour in the presentation of bills and joint resolutions, and the first junket was passed, providing for the committee on industrial schools to visit and inspect that institution at Vergennes and make their report next week. The committee will visit the school on Friday of this week.

The House also passed a joint resolution regarding the obtaining of data on taxation of personal property and one providing for the joint assembly this afternoon for election of the judges, superintendent of education, sergeant-at-arms, judge-advocate and adjutant-general, trustees of the university of Vermont and commissioner of weights and measures.

Upon a joint resolution from the House, which passed the House, the commissioner upon public printing is directed to print 800 copies of the report of the commission on conservation of natural resources.

In the Senate the time was largely occupied with introduction of bills upon probate matters by Senator Batchelder of Bennington county. His bills, he said, were bills by request of the probate judges of the county. They are as follows: S. 33, by Mr. Batchelder of Bennington, an act to provide for the care of burial lots.

S. 25, by Mr. Batchelder of Bennington, amending section 1 of No. 78 of the acts of 1908, relating to the powers of the probate court in respect to mortgages and leases.

S. 30, by Mr. Batchelder of Bennington, an act to amend section 2 of the acts of 1908, relating to the appointment of public administrators.

S. 26, by Mr. Batchelder by request, an act to provide for the care of testate estates prior to probate of will.

S. 27, by Mr. Batchelder, by request, an act to amend section 29 of the public statutes relating to notice by publication.

S. 28, by Mr. Batchelder, by request, an act to amend section 6214 of the public statutes, relating to probate fees.

S. 29, by Mr. Batchelder, by request, an act to amend subdivision 2 of section 2936 of the public statutes, relating to descent when married decedent leaves no issue.

Senate 24, by Senator McCuen of Addison, is an act to amend sections 3489, 3509 and 3512 of the public statutes relating to the settlement of accounts of town officers. This provides that the settlement be made ten days earlier than usual, which is now at Feb. 1. This will give the town officials a chance to get the reports printed and into the hands of the citizens previous to March election.

Senate 31 by Senator Darling of Orange, gives the right of vote to women under certain conditions, giving the same right as to men relative to taxation and the raising of money and appropriation of money. It was referred to the committee on state and industrial interests.

S. 21, by Mr. Darling of Orange, by request, an act to regulate competition among public service corporations in the same locality. No competition with local street car lines.

S. 22, by Mr. Henry of Chittenden, providing for the continuance of the public utility department in the office of the secretary of state.

## Many Bills in House.

Mr. Plumley of Northfield introduced another important measure in House 35, which amends section 3039 of the public statutes, relating to rights of married women. Permits those who own property in their own name absolutely and which was conveyed to her for her sole use and benefit, to become a mortgagee of her husband's debts, except by mortgage her real estate except by deed duly executed by herself and husband.

House 35 was presented by Mr. Cameron of Norton, providing for construction of a highway from Norton to Tipton Pond and appropriate 8-100. This bill provides for a road between two towns where the only thoroughfare to-day is a steam railroad.

House 34, by Mr. Bowker of Lunenburg, to reimburse the town of Lunenburg for construction of a bridge between Lunenburg and Lancaster. The bill asks for an appropriation of \$2,500. This is the only bridge between Lancaster and Waterford, the latter of which is a toll bridge. The distance is about 15 miles between the two bridges.

House 36, by Mr. Foss of Brighton, to enact "An act to incorporate the Northern Traction Co." This company was granted a charter last session and now asks extension of time and for non-payment of taxes.

House 37, by Mr. Locke of Barton, to authorize the Orleans graded school district to issue bonds, that they may issue \$20,000 for repairs and additions. The district has built a new schoolhouse, incurring a debt of \$12,000. They ask an amendment to their old charter, which originally would not allow bonding, they are now carrying the debt on school orders.

House 38, by Mr. Crosby of Brattleboro to pay Katherine G. Dunley \$35.75 for services at Windsor county court. It is due the money for transcribing testimony which she was not paid when the order to pay was drawn.

House 39, by Mr. Taft of Townshend, is a third trustee process bill before the general assembly. This one relates

to wages due the principal for work performed by him in person before the service of process on the trustee, shall be exempt except as shall be in excess of \$10.

House 40, by Mr. O'Brien of South Burlington, to amend section 2 of No. 186 of the acts of 1910, relating to taking of pickeral, in that shooting of pickeral shall be prohibited at all times, with the close season for catch of pickeral during April with hook and line. The law allows shooting, but does not allow use of hook and line.

House 41 was introduced by Mr. Jackson of Corinth relative to brokerage of insurance which repeals sections 4817 and 4818 of the public statutes, also 4820, and it was referred to the committee on insurance. The present law does not allow a non-resident solicitor being paid by his broker in Vermont.

House 42, by Mr. Billings of Woodstock, to amend section 801 of the public statutes, relating to charter fees and requires a \$25 fee for articles of association which do not provide capital stock fee of \$10, if such stock does not exceed \$5,000 and does not exceed \$10,000, which was referred to the committee on corporations.

House 43, by Mr. Decker of Danby, to provide for procuring and erecting on the battlefield of Gettysburg a monument and statue of General William Wells, and it appropriates \$8,000 for its construction; also provides for appointment by the governor, before Dec. 1, 1912, of five commissions to carry out the provisions of the act. Referred to the committee on military affairs and appropriations.

## Flat Rate Taxation Bill.

At the afternoon session of the House, Wednesday, Mr. Wilkins of Morris-town introduced bill 30, relative to placing markers at the graves of unknown dead buried in the cemeteries of any town or city. It provides that the selectmen of the town or aldermen of the city shall see that markers are placed at all graves which the town has buried and that before Aug. 1, 1913, the selectmen or aldermen shall provide information so that each grave can be suitably marked.

House 31, by Mr. Comings of Richmond, an act to amend section 2 of the public statutes, relating to the taxation of personal property and to establish a uniform flat rate on certain classes thereof. Personal property hereinafter enumerated to be taxed at annual flat rate of one per cent per annum and shall pay no other tax; (I) money on hand, on deposit or at interest, except when deposited at interest in savings banks and trust companies, and such banks pay a flat rate of interest on such deposits at interest in national banks, and the taxes on such deposits are paid pursuant to the provision of chapter 37 of the public statutes. (II) Other debts due to the person to be taxed. (III) Public stocks, bonds and securities. (IV) Stocks, bonds and notes or other indebtedness of corporations within or without the state. (V) Subdivisions 3, 5 and 12 of section 496 of the public statutes as amended are hereby repealed, but such repeal shall not affect obligations exempt under subdivision 12, issued before the passage of this act.

Mr. Plumley of Ludlow presented a bill, House 32, for the purpose of amending section 3032 of the public statutes relating to the solemnization of marriage by preachers, providing that they may be performed by local preachers where such preachers labor steadily in the state.

Mr. Strong of Hyde Park introduced House 29, regarding the pollution of waters of Lamolle river, which provides that mill owners or operatives depositing sawdust, shavings or refuse matter in the river above 100 feet in the town of Johnson shall be fined not less than \$20 nor more than \$100, and it was referred to the general committee.

The House on its part adopted a joint resolution originating in the Senate, instructing the standing committee on industrial school at Vergennes to report their findings to the respective houses after a trip to the school Friday of this week. It was referred to the committee on state and court expenses.

House bill 18 was read the third time and upon motion was passed. This bill provides for the construction of the courthouse, jail and jailer's residence in Lamolle county.

## Roosevelt Congratulated.

Mr. Haggood of Peru introduced the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

"Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the state of Vermont, That we hereby express our utter abhorrence at the attempt at the life of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, and we would hereby express our heartiest wish for his speedy and complete recovery."

"Resolved, That the clerk of this House is hereby instructed to forward a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Roosevelt at his home in Oyster Bay, Long Island."

## Legislative Notes.

In spite of rumors as to the contest over the seat of Mr. Kellam of Guildhall, no filing has to date been made with the committee on elections, although it is a fact that the contest is being waged. The House has been filled with Secretary of State Bailey, bearing on the matter. Mr. Kellam has taken the oath and is acting on committees. The statement of the case is that in marking their ballots eight persons marked them for Kellam's opponent on the first ballot by marking not in the margin but between the residence of the nominee and the designation of his party, which, according to previous like instances, has been held by courts as showing the intent of the voter. On the second ballot Mr. Kellam was elected by two majorities. The ballots marked as above stated were not ruled out. The members of the board of civil authority, who were present, were equally divided as to whether they should be ruled out and while they were endeavoring to agree the constable came along and stated that if they could not agree he should order another balloting, but agreement was reached, resulting in Mr. Kellam's election.

Following adjournment of the House Wednesday afternoon, the Washington county members collected in the House. They organized by electing as chairman Charles Plumley of Northfield, while Rev. A. W. Revitt of Plainfield is their secretary. In similar proceedings earlier in the day, Windham county elected F. C. Martin as clerk; chairman, E. P. Adams of Marlboro; vice-chairman, E. C. Crosby of Brattleboro; while Orange county E. L. Brigham of Bradford was elected chairman and A. C. Jackson of Corinth clerk.

Mr. Ryder of Bellows Falls, chairman of the committee on judiciary on the part of the House, left Wednesday for home because of